

NEWS ADVISORY

Tuesday, April 18, 2006 Contact: Rebecca L. Ward Ph: 801-538-6682 Cell: 801-647-5421

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Gives a Boost to Utah's Infant Immunization Week

What:

In recognition of National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW), April 22-29, 2006, the Utah Department of Health (UDOH) is partnering with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Utah County Health Department to kick off a week of immunization activities by highlighting the importance of childhood immunizations.

A "Love Them, Protect Them, Immunize Them" event will showcase Utah's new Electronic Immunization Reminder Service and reveal plans for tracking the immunizations of Utah County's first birth of 2006. Federal, state and local immunization specialists will be on hand to discuss current vaccine recommendations and efforts to improve Utah's childhood immunization levels.

When: Thursday, April 20, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.

Who: Dr. Melinda Wharton, Acting Deputy Director, National Immunization

Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Dr. Joseph Miner, Director, Utah County Health Department

Dr. Dick Melton, Deputy Director, Utah Department of Health

Where: Utah County Health Department

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Parking is available behind the Health Department.

A tour of the Utah County Health Department Immunization Program will be conducted afterwards. Drs. Wharton, Miner and Melton will be available for photos and interviews.